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SUBJ: UNCTAD: CIEC RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION: INTRA-EC DEBATE ON
TACTICS

REF: BONN 3421, USEC 2027, GENEVA 1465 (NOTAL), PARIS 6072

1. FAIL UNDERSTAND BASIS FRG ANNOYANCE AT EC PAPER REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 27. TO BEST OF
OUR KNOWLEDGE (AND AFTER CHECKING EC DELEGATES), THERE
WAS NO COMMISSION PAPER TABLED IN GENEVA ON THAT DATE. THE
COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AT THE OECD AD HOC MEETING
PREPARATORY FOR UNCTAD IV ON FEBRUARY 24-25 PRESENTED PAPER
ENTITLED EEC DISCUSSION PAPER WHICH WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED
AS NOT HAVING ENDORSEMENT OF EC MEMBERS. THE FINAL SECTION
OF THIS PAPER READS, IN PART: QUOTE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, A
LIST SHOULD BE DETERMINED FOR FINALIZATION AT UNCTAD IV
OF THOSE COMMODITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH AN IMPROVEMENT
OF MARKET STRUCTURES SHOULD BE RESEARCHED WITH A VIEW
TO DEFINING THE OBJECTIVES TO BE APPLIED IN EACH
CASE IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS
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AND CONSUMERS, AND TO NEGOTIATING APPROPRIATE MEASURES

INCLUDING SUCH FINANCIAL ASPECTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED.
UNQUOTE. THIS APPEARS CLEARLY TO BE OFFENSIVE
PASSAGE.

2. THE ONLY MEETING WHICH OCCURED IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 27
WAS A SMALL GROUP B "GROUPE DE REFLEXION" MEETING, UNDER
CHAIRMANSHIP OF SWISS DELEGATE, ON COMMODITIES AS REPORTED
IN GENEVA 1465 (BEING REPEATED SEPARATELY TO
NON-ADDRESSEES). THIS MEETING IN NO WAY COULD BE CON-
SIDERED EC MEETING SINCE ATTENDED BY CROSS-SECTION OF
GROUP B COUNTRIES. HAND-WRITTEN NOTES OF THE OUTCOME
OF THIS MEETING CARRIED BY UK REPRESENTATIVE TO BRUSSELS
FOR DISCUSSION AT MARCH 2-3 REVIEW BY EC AD HOC GROUP
ON RAW MATERIALS. WHILE FINAL TEXT OF "GROUPE DE REFLEXION"
PAPER NOT YET ISSUED, MISSION OFFICER'S NOTES INDICATE
OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPH OF EC DISCUSSION PAPER NOT INCORP-
ORATED BUT RATHER SUGGESTED AVOIDING TAKING ANY FIRM
DECISION ON SPECIFIC COMMODITIES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THIS
STAGE AND DISCUSSES THE ADVISABILITY OF CONSIDERING
MACHINERY WITHIN UNCTAD CONTEXT AND MAKING USE OF EXISTING
BODIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO (A) IDENTIFY PROBLEMS OF
SPECIFIC COMMODITIES OR GROUPS OF COMMODITIES; (B)
DETERMINE POSSIBLE TECHNIQUES TO REMEDY ANY PROBLEMS
IDENTIFIED (INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS
TO IMPLEMENT THESE TECHNIQUES) AND (C) RECOMMEND ANY
NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP ACTION BE IT BY NEGOTIATIONS OF
AGREEMENTS, ARRANGEMENTS OR OTHER MEASURES.DALE

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